Arkansas legislators oppose amendment  
Bush proposes ban on homosexual-marriages

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Editor-in-chief

Members of Arkansas' congressional delegation offered little support Tuesday for President George W. Bush's call for a constitutional amendment banning homosexual marriages.

Sen. Blanche Lincoln, Dem. Mark Pryor and Rep. Vic Snyder, all democrats, expressed support for current laws defining marriages as a union between a man and a woman but said the president's proposed amendment was unnecessary.

Snyder said by Arkansas' other House members was varied.

"If the time comes to redefine marriage, and the states wish to do that, the federal government has no right to tell them to do that," Snyder said.

Lincoln said the issue had become an easy political issue to use to "manage your way through difficult legislation, because you can draw a line in the sand on the constitutional amendment and have something to talk about.

"I don't think this is the appropriate vehicle for us to deal with important issues," Lincoln said.

"The right to marry is protected by the Constitution, and the Supreme Court has ruled that there is no right to same sex marriage," Lincoln said.

"The Constitution is a living document, and if there is a right to marriage, it is a right that is available to all people," Lincoln said.

Pryor said current laws reflect the "liberal values of America."

"In this country, we are a land of liberty, and we believe in the right of all people to marry who they choose," Pryor said. "This is a fundamental right."
OUTSIDE THE BUBBLE

Searcy robbery suspects flee police

Charges against four suspects who led police on a high speed chase after an armed robbery in Searcy Sunday were still pending Thursday.

Police chased the suspects, who were in a stolen van, through Sherwood, North Little Rock and Little Rock before police were able to catch them. The driver of the van and one other suspect were taken to Pulaski County Jail, according to the Sherwood Police Department.

The other two suspects were released.

White County Prosecutor Chris Raafl will file charges against the suspects as soon as a police investigation into the robbery is completed. At least one of the suspects will face additional charges for fleeing officers.

America's oldest man dies at 114

The man widely believed to be the oldest man in America died Monday at age 114.

William Coates from Clinton, Md., was born June 2, 1899. Coates worked on a commercial tobacco farm and later helped build state roads in Maryland.

Over the course of his life, Coates had nine children, 21 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren.

Coates' daughter Maxine told the Associated Press that she was grateful that her father lived such an extended life.

"It really was a blessing that my father lived so long," Maxine Coates said. "He enjoyed life and being with his family."

Identified protein may help stop HIV

Researchers say they may be able to find a way to counter HIV by using results of a recent study that found a protein in monkeys that resists the disease.

The protein, TRIMs-alpha, is found in both monkeys and animals, but the monkey version is better at handling the virus, Dr. Joseph Sodroski, the study's leader, said. However, Sodroski said researchers may be able to use the new information to find a way to make the human protein strong enough to resist the virus.

"We expect that now that we've identified this protein factor, it is likely we'll find ways to manipulate it and increase the potency," Sodroski told the Associated Press. "And we hope to stimulate our own natural resistance to HIV by doing so."

'Jane Roe' changes abortion opinion

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decided Monday that it will not hear oral arguments March 2 but later decided to review only written appeals for the case.

The court had agreed to hear arguments March 2 but later decided to review only written appeals for the appeal against Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion 31 years ago.

Norma McCorvey of Dallas, the original plaintiff who used the pseudonym Jane Roe, had filed an appeal to have the decision reversed in light of evidence that the procedure might harm women.

The court agreed not to hear McCorvey's arguments March 2 but later decided to review only written appeals for the case.

CAMPUS IN BRIEF

Hall promoted

Tammy Hall, director of endowments and trust, will be promoted to assistant vice president for finance effective March 1.

Hall joined the Harding faculty last year.

She has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Harding and a master's degree in finance from Memphis State University.

Tim dehas, the current assistant vice president for finance, will continue working in the finance department until next fall.

Opportunity Day for seniors

Opportunity Day, an event designed to help graduating seniors find jobs and internships, will be held at 9 a.m. March 1 at the Holiday Inn Select in Little Rock.

Various businesses will be on site to interview students. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Career Center at 279-4545.

Resume writing workshop

Donald Asher, a contributing writer for the Wall Street Journal and the L.A. Times, will conduct a workshop Feb. 27 and 28 on writing resumes and applying for graduate school.

Friday's workshop will be in the Mabee computer lab at 9 a.m. and is limited to 17 students. Unlimited seating will be available for the Saturday workshop in student center 236 at 10 a.m.

The workshop is free for student support services and McNair grant students and costs $25 for everyone else. Call 279-4028 to register. Contact David White at 279-4198 or Dr. Linda Thompson at 279-4414 or e-mail White at jwwhite@harding.edu.

COMING UP

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WEEKLY WINDOW

This Week's Events Overview

Proposed by Jacks, the student body's business and community affairs committee:

COURTSIDE: THE BISON

FACES IN THE CROWD

Jess Foster, Senior

Home town: Soldotna, Alaska

Major: Accounting, economics

Social club: Ju Go Ju

Favorite Harding professor: Dr. Phil Brown, associate professor of accounting

Favorite movie: "Tombstone"

How did you hear about Harding? "My parents both attended Harding and wanted me to come here."

Most memorable Harding moment: Attending the Harding University in Florence program during the summer of 2002.

Favorite movie: "Tombstone"

Plans for after college: Possibly moving to Colorado, but someday returning to Alaska.

2.27 Baseball vs. West Florida, Pensacola, 3 p.m.

2.27 Graduate School Admissions Seminar, Mabee computer lab, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

2.27 "Timesticks," Benson Auditorium, 8 p.m.

2.28 Baseball vs. West Florida, Pensacola, noon

2.28 Graduate School Admissions Seminar, student center 236, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

2.28 Women's basketball vs. Henderson State, Arkadelphia, Ark., 6 p.m.

2.28 Men's basketball vs. Henderson State, Arkadelphia, Ark., 8 p.m.

2.28 Tennis vs. Southwest Texas (Texas), Conway, Ark., 1 p.m.

2.28 Tennis vs. Texas, Conway, Ark., 10 a.m.

2.28 "Timesticks," Benson Auditorium, 8 p.m.

2.29 Alpha Chi induction ceremony, Reynolds Center rectal hall, 7 p.m.

2.29 Lacrosse vs. Southeast Missouri, soccer fields, 3:30 p.m.

3.01 Opportunity Day, Holiday Inn Select in Little Rock, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

3.01 Streetball Tournament, Seavy Events Center, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

3.01 Seavy Appreciation Day

3.01 Men's tennis vs. Hendrix, Harding tennis courts, 3 p.m.

3.01 Women's tennis vs. UCA, Conway, 1 p.m.

3.02 Seavy Appreciation Day

3.02 Tennis vs. John Brown University, Harding tennis courts, 1 p.m.

3.03 Tennis vs. Christian Brothers, Memphis, 2 p.m.

3.04 Tennis vs. Delta State, Cleveland, Miss., 1 p.m.

3.04 "Love Letters," Little Theater, 7 p.m.

3.04 Senior Career Day, student center 236, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Conference set to honor women’s strengths, service

JAMIE HIGGINS
Student reporter

Harding will host the 10th annual Women in God’s Service conference Feb. 27-28. The theme for the event is “Joyful Strength,” an idea that originated from Nehemiah 8:10, which reads “…for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

The free conference will offer an opportunity for women to engage in lectures, breakout sessions and panel discussions. A group of women’s ministry leaders from Harding and from local churches have worked together to organize the conference.

Marcie Early, Barbara Harper and Debbie Poos will be the keynote speakers at the event. Sherry Pollard, WINGS committee chair, said poets will be down recommendations for speakers on evaluation sheets at the end of the conference, and the committee chooses speakers they think will best enhance the theme for the year.

“We obviously want speakers who are Godly women — who are in good standing with God and with the church,” Pollard said. “We also look for women who have a passion for sharing something they have experienced.

The WINGS conference is unique among women’s meetings because it is designed to attract a variety of different speakers on different subjects, Pollard said. The committee purposely picks speakers from a variety of age groups and backgrounds.

“We really want diversity,” Pollard said. “We don’t want this to be a program just for young girls or for all young people. We want there to be a bonding of generations.”

Senior Alicia Robinson, a member of the WINGS committee, will participate in a panel discussion entitled “Joy in the Ordinary.”

“We are going to talk about how to have joy through the different stages of life,” Robinson said. “Being on the committee has allowed me to have great [faculty] mentors.”

The breakout sessions will be split up into three categories: joy, strength, and women of joy and strength. Pollard will hold a strength breakout session called “Rambo vs. Mr. Rogers.” The session, modeled after Romans 12, will discuss people’s different spiritual gifts and the need for a mixture of different personalities.

Briana Cunningham, co-chairman of the WINGS committee, said she is looking forward to the session because she believes it is important for people to realize the world needs both strong and gentle leaders.

“There’s a common misconception that you have to be like Rambo to be strong,” Cunningham said. “But, when Mr. Rogers died, people all across the country cried at his funeral. There’s a place for quiet strength, too.”

In the past, attendance at the conference has ranged between 225-150 women. Pollard said the committee is preparing for about 300 women this year.

Looking forward

Dr. Larry Long, associate vice president for academic affairs, visits at the Town Hall Meeting Feb. 24 as students and faculty discuss how to improve cultural relations at Harding. The Multi-Cultural Student Action Committee organized the meeting as part of Black History Month.

Appreciation day promotes service

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Activities will include outdoor projects of washing windows and raking leaves, and other activities such as visiting widows, hosting a basketball tournament for local youth and delivering thank-you gifts to local businesses. Also, local restaurants will provide food for a community appreciation dinner at the White County Fairgrounds March 2.

“We want this to be a spark that turns into a fire, not just a flash in the pan,” Keeton said. “We’re going to talk about how we appreciate the community, why we appreciate it, and how we appreciate it.”

Students can participate in Searcy Appreciation with friends, social clubs or other organizations. Senior Jennie Dixon said the event will be a good way to create bonds with other students.

“I think building those relationships is a good opportunity to get to know people in and around Searcy,” she said. “They bring a gap between the school and the community.”

“Appreciation is a choice,” Dixon said. “It’s not a requirement that we do this. We’re not forcing people to do this.”

“The church-planning team I am a part of wants to use this time to get to know each other better,” Dixon said. “I think it’s a good way to serve God while fellowshiping with students.”

Dixon said she hopes Searcy Appreciation can make a difference in the lives of community residents.

“[Searcy Appreciation] can make a difference in the lives of community residents,” Dixon said. “It’s my hope that people will come out to participate and engage in what we’re doing.”

“I think we can really make a difference here,” Dixon said. “I think we can really change lives.”

“I want [Searcy] to see God’s love through our acts of service.”

JENNIE DIXON, SENIOR

“Searcy is a unique place and I think we can make it a unique place,’ Dixon said. “This is an opportunity for us to come together and show Searcy that we are the love of God.”

“I want the community to know what Harding is about,” she said. “I want them to see that God’s love is through our acts of service.”

Students who are interested in joining Searcy Appreciation can sign up in the Student Association office, student center 222.

Fire calls for safety sessions

MEGHAN MICHAELSON

In light of a Feb. 18 trash fire in Allen Hall, Rodney Mote, assistant dean of students, required all Allen residents to attend one of three fire safety sessions led by Phil Watkins, fire marshal for the Searcy Fire Department.

Loren Beason, Allen residence life coordinator, and her husband Clay monitored the mandatory attendance of the fire sessions. Any resident who didn’t attend would be fined.

According to the Resident Life Handbook, normal procedure after a fire violation is to issue a community fine. However, in a memo sent to Allen Hall residents, Mote told residents that he tried to handle the several recent trash fire incidents in different ways, including offering a monetary reward for “information concerning who is responsible for these fires.” After the most recent fire, Mote ordered the fire safety sessions.

If another trash fire occurs, Mote said he would have to issue community sanctions. Until then, he hopes the sessions will put an end to the violations.

“It would be nice if the person responsible would come forward, but the important thing is to make sure the activity stops,” Mote said.
THE BRAVE NEW WORLD of WIRELESS

Who knew that Starbucks could Coffee has popularized two frequency without the need for Women happy

T-Mobile to provide wireless Internet simply as "the type of networking hot spots at select stores in major markets."

"Just before the start of the spring semester, Midnight Oil owners Rusty and Nancy Meadows made their coffee shop a wireless hot spot as a convenience for their customers. Now visitors to Harding's backyard coffee shop can check e-mail and surf the Net while sipping a cappuccino in a relaxed atmosphere.

"The main thing I wanted to do was add value to the business here," Rusty Meadows said. "Now people can bring in their laptops and use the [wireless] hookup. We have great drinks, great food, great atmosphere — [Wi-Fi] is one more thing we felt we could offer." On campus, there is a wireless access point in the seating area near the cyber café in the student center.

John Nunnally, network operations manager, said there has never been an official wireless project at Harding. The student center access point came about by chance after an unsuccessful attempt to provide wireless Internet at the West Married student apartments more than a year ago. The student center was a logical home for the unused equipment, he said. Despite the benefits of wireless networking, there are drawbacks that may deter some mobile device users from making the change.

Garton said wireless signals do not stretch forever, which requires users to be within a certain range of an access point to get a signal. Security is also an issue of concern.

"Since you transmit over a radio frequency, other people can 'sniff the air to get passwords and credit card numbers over a wireless handset," Garton said. While users should be aware of the security issues, Garton said the odds of security infringements occurring are minimal. Garton said the greatest disadvantage of wireless networking is speed. "The most recent type of wireless networking is 802.11g, which runs at approximately 54 Mbps," he said. This is only about one-half the speed of most 100 Mbps Ethernet-based networks.

Although wireless networking is still in its infant stage, it might not hurt to invest in wireless capabilities when purchasing a new machine. The future of wireless networking will only get faster, more secure and become integrated into more products that we use every day," Garton said.

Women happy about altered cleaning policy

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"I didn't come to Harding to learn how to be a housewife," Paul said. "I came to study and get a degree so I can be a teacher." While residents are expressing satisfaction with the new changes, Howlett said Student Services would have liked to lighten housekeeping expectations even more but feared problems could arise between residents over the level of cleanliness in the town. "We thought that would end causing more issues than we currently have because of the different levels of expectations between roommates and the magnitude of cordless wireless," said Howlett.

Sophomore Lindsay Richardson said she appreciates a more lenient Good Housekeeping, she wouldn't want to do away with it all together. "I'm glad we haven't completely stopped Good Housekeeping," Richardson said. "It's given me a motivation to clean my room. Otherwise, I probably wouldn't do it."

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LISA LAUTERBACH
Student reporter

Many Arkansans know it as the "front door to our beautiful 'natural state,'" but nearly 80 members of the Ju Go Ju social club and their dates will always remember the Arkansas Governor's Mansion as the place they met on Feb. 20, by being the first college group to hold an event in the building. The club's spring formal was held in the more than 50-year-old Georgian colonial mansion, which serves as the home for Governor Mike Huckabee and the first family, is often the site of receptions ranging from state dinners to high school reunions. However, the first family's home had never before hosted such an event for a group of college students.

Senior Emily Wade, a vice president of Ju Go Ju, said the idea developed after several other ideas fell through. "I was calling all over, but most places were already booked for Valentine's Day or Mardi Gras events," Wade said.

That's when junior Chelsea Wilson, fellow Ju Go Ju vice president, talked to her sister Kristina and found out reserving the Governor's Mansion might be an achievable feat.

Reservations for the mansion are made it is a problem only, but Kristina Wilson's friendship with David Huckabee, the governor's son, gave the group a foot in the door. Wilson and Wade met with David Huckabee in Little Rock to finalize getting a date reserved on the official calendar. "We were the first college group to ever have an event there," Wilson said. "It was a big honor for Harding and for Ju Go Ju.

While there were many details to work out concerning actually booking the mansion, Wade said once the event was official the staff at the mansion took care of almost every detail as part of the $1,100 rental fee.

"They do everything," Wade said. "Set up, clean up — all we had to do was show up." Because Ju Go Ju chose a "Masquerade at the Mansion" theme for the event, each couple was encouraged to make masks to participate in a competition. The winning couple received a refund of their $50 function fee. Ju Go Ju member senior Terri Lee said the function was memorable because it was such a grand event.

"It was good because it was so formal and elegant," Lee said. "The event was the mansion itself.

Freshman Ju Go Ju member Kendall Searcy said she had toured the mansion before with her family but had not been there since renovations were completed last March. "The atmosphere was absolutely amazing," Gardner said. "It was different and new — and that made it special."

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It can lead to decreased energy levels, which affects the performance of daily activities.

Body Mass Index

Have you ever wondered what percentage of your body is fat? In the United States, men with a body fat above 25 percent and women above 30 percent are at an increased risk for high blood pressure, high total and LDL cholesterol, low HDL cholesterol (the protective cholesterol), heart disease and Type 2 diabetes. Anyone who is interested in measuring their body mass index without attending the screening can use this formula: weight (in kilograms) divided by height (in meters squared).

Breast Cancer

Breast cancer is the second most common female-affecting cancer, infecting one in eight women. Breast self exams, clinical exams and mammograms are vital for early detection, which can produce life-saving results.

Colon Cancer

Up to 90 percent of colon cancer, the third most common type of cancer, can be cured if detected early. Risk factors include a family history of colon cancer, chronic or increase in constipation and high calorie intake. Signs and symptoms include changes in bowel habits, chronic abdominal discomfort, sudden weight loss, lack of appetite and rectal bleeding. Screenings are recommended by age 50 or younger of risk factors or symptoms are present.

Diabetes

There are two types of diabetes: Type 1 and Type 2. This disease used to be thought to affect those over 40, but more young people are now being diagnosed. People at risk for Type 2 diabetes, the most common form, include those with a family history of diabetes, those who are overweight and those with a sedentary lifestyle. To screen for diabetes, a fasting blood test is taken to measure your blood glucose level, the American Diabetes Association now recommends that levels over 100 should be followed up with your health care provider.

Heart Disease

Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of both men and women in the United States. The plaque that is responsible for heart disease may deposit in the walls of arteries even before age 20. The American Heart Association recommends having your cholesterol checked every five years starting at age 20 if levels are normal, and more frequently with abnormal levels. Exerci- 
cise and a healthy diet are still the best ways to prevent heart disease. Knowing your cholesterol profile can help determine your risk for heart disease.

Hypertension

Hypertension, also known as high blood pressure, creates an increased workload on the heart. Hypertension, which currently affects 60 million Americans and is a leading risk factor for heart disease and stroke, can be diagnosed at any age. It is important to know your blood pressure and the contributing aspects of your life, such as stress, diet and exercise.

Prostate Cancer

Prostate cancer is the second most common type of cancer among men. It has up to a 100 percent cure rate when diagnosed early.

The thyroid affects the functioning of the entire body. Too much thyroid hormone (hyperthyroidism) can cause hot flashes, irritability, restlessness, weight loss and ex­ hau­tion. Too little thyroid stimulating hormone can cause weight gain, exhaustion, depression and intolerance to cold. Thyroid disease affects people primarily ages 30-50 but can occur at any age. Many long-term problems can be decreased if caught early.

If you are interested in learning more about the wellness screening, or costs of specific tests, contact Karen Kelley, assistant professor of nursing, at 279-4109, or e-mail: kkelley@harding.edu.
Spring break plans lead students across the nation and beyond its borders.

MICHAEL ALLEN  
Student reporter

or most college students one event officially kicks off the spring season: spring break. Every year, Harding students set out on quests to renew their minds away from the daily rigors of homework, classes and social life.

While some students travel home to visit family and old high school friends, others retreat to the beach or some exotic locale to get away from the grind of school. Still others forego vacations and join spring break campaigns.

Spring break campaigns

Spring break campaigns are designed for Harding students to travel around the country and outside its borders to evangelize. More than 400 student campaigners this year have spent countless hours planning and preparing door-knocking campaigns, local Vacation Bible School programs and other forms of outreach.

Freshman Joseph Watts and junior Nichole Perez are members of a 25-member campaign group traveling to Orlando, Fla., over spring break. Watts said he is looking forward to working with children at VBS.

Perez, who has never been on a Harding campaign before, said she chose to go to Orlando so she could grow spiritually and gain some close Christian friends.

“I want to make a difference,” Perez said. “I haven’t been on a campaign or mission trip since I was in high school, and I want to be reminded why I’m here and what my responsibilities are as a Christian.”

Some of the campaign spots that students will travel to include Little Rock; Fort Worth, Texas and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Harding will also be taking campaigners to foreign countries like Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua and Canada.

Hitting the slopes

For some students, spring break is a time to enjoy the last bit of winter fun before moving into warmer weather. Senior Zach Johnson said skiing is the perfect antidote for relieving stress and getting refreshed for the remainder of the school year.

“It gives me a good chance to get a breath of fresh air before the final push through the semester,” Johnson said.

Senior Justin Cates shares Johnson’s opinion about skiing and plans to travel to Wolf Creek, Colo., with some friends to enjoy his time away from the confines of Harding.

“Spring break is the best time of the year because I can just go and hang out with my best friends,” Cates said.

“There isn’t a better way to do it than hanging out in Colorado and hitting the slopes.”

Beach bound

Some students see spring break as an opportunity to start enjoying warmer weather and head for the beach. Senior Tim Avance said traveling to Florida, where he can lounge around on the beach, is the only way that he can come back to school refocused and energized.

“Sitting on a chair at the beach and soaking up rays is what I plan to do,” Avance said. “I can’t think of a better way to get my mind off school work than to go and relax on the beach all day.”

Road trips

Instead of lazing around on the beach, senior Megan Leddy said she plans to take a road trip to New York with three other seniors. Leddy said she looks forward to sightseeing and other touristy activities during her adventure.

“The other girls have been to New York, and they all really loved it,” Leddy said. “I’ve always wanted to go there because I’ve heard it is a wonderful place. Plus, I didn’t want to graduate from Harding without taking at least one road trip with all my friends.”

Home sweet home

Senior Mitch Jones and many other students plan to spend their spring breaks relaxing at their own homes. Jones said that there is nothing better than just being at his home in Amarillo, Texas, where he can visit his family and hometown friends and not worry about stress from classes and homework.

“I want to just relax at home and not think about anything but what cartoons I am going to watch all day,” Jones said.
McCloud speaks about music career

ANDREA MARTIN
Student Reporter

TJ McCloud, the 23-year-old former lead singer of Stephen Speaks and ACM graduate, graced the Benson stage Saturday night.

Prior to his concert, McCloud answered questions about his life, career and touring.

"You just graduated from ACM, what is your degree?"

I have a bachelor's degree in ministry.

"Where do you live now?"

Vander, Texas.

"Do you have a family?"

I have a wife [just married in October], no kids... I used to have a dog. That didn't work out so well.

"How did you get interested in music?"

[I] grew up singing in the church and was always encouraged to use my talents. I play guitar, piano and sing. I don't consider myself much of a musician, but I love it. I guess that counts for something.

"When did Stephen Speaks start?"

It was a band that started in high school with a couple of buddies in the Tulsa, Okla., area. We all attended Oral Roberts University. We didn't love songs and Christian songs on a CD, we used that to hopefully bring up Christ and use it to God's glory.

"I read that you guys got really popular overseas. How did that happen?"

Somebody's consists of somebody ordered a CD and sent it to the Philippines. Something weird happened - they've got seven degrees of something.

I put a curl a year and a half ago to play a couple of small shows. All of a sudden, we're number one over there (for 17 weeks).... It was an amazing experience and taught me a lot about the way God works. It wasn't anything we did.

"Is this concert [at Harding] for promoting your solo CD or are you in production?"

We're sure to catch audience interest and have a movie. What it lacks in plot, it makes up for in entertainment value.

"Who are your musical influences?"

I grew up listening to AC/DC. I have a real love for harmony and melody. My parents listened to a lot of '60s and '70s bands like Dolly Parton and Kenny Rogers. James Taylor, Paul Simon and the new generation of folk artists like John Mayer and Jason Mraz are exciting to me.

"Have you ever heard anybody Jason Mraz stuff from Java Joe?"

I personally am a fan. No. I toyed around with it, and [laughs]... I'm not sure I would ever put myself in the Philippines or the nation. It's just me and my grand prize; we hit the roads hard and fast and have a couple of guitars.

"Would you say 15 years and up?"

It's worth mentioning that we are the ruling generation of fold artists like John Mayer and Jason Mraz are exciting to me.

"What is your projected tour run?"

I would say 15 years and up. You sound like a Parker Brothers board game. I wouldn't say that [laughs].

"What is your educational background?"

I'm a lot better known for my love songs, I write songs about every part of my life, hopefully, [my facts] shows up. I'm a hot ticket in the ACU.

"Do you think downloading music has helped you or hurt you?"

Helped. I believe one person hearing music they like, they will eventually spend money on it one way or another. I love the fact people download my songs. I encourage people to trade them, burn them and everything else.

"Have I always wanted to ask someone this. Do you have a name for your guitar?"

No. I toyed around with it, and what I came up with was always cheesy. It's going to be just a piece of wood.

"Anything else you like to talk about you?"

I'm a normal guy that plays music and lives his wife.
Running into walls
part of life experience

Obstacles may leave bruises, teach lessons

I run into walls. I'm not one of those people who hits the door on their foot and pretends to get smacked in the face just for a laugh. No, I really run into walls. And not just walls, I run into anything and everything that could possibly get in my way and knock me over. Last week for example. Most people find it fairly easy to walk through a parking lot unscathed. Nope. Not me. This time I managed to get through the parking lot outside Sears, I obtained two bloody knees and a rip in the only pair of jeans I owned that did not have holes from previous mishaps. I like to think that the piece of concrete jumped out in front of me, but witnesses say it did not move. I am not exactly sure why I do it, perhaps it's an inner-ear thing. Maybe my depth-perception is off or just don't pay attention. The students have habitually hit their nails or twist their hair. Me? I run into walls.

I run into concrete walls, barriers that I have to fix not synthesize. In fourth grade, my classmate was pushed with the lousy food in the cafeteria and decided not to write a formal complaint to the principal. Somehow the classmate elected me to compose the complaint.

I never spoke up when I was young. I teach letters and body and avoid confrontation, especially if it involves a run-in with the principal.

However, I wrote the letter, and in a few weeks the food and service in the cafeteria had actually improved. I feel like the hurdle school had a friend that no one else really liked. Granted, she was a little "weird," but also friendly and easy to approach.

At that stage in life, though, you have to earn your way to have a voice in the cafeteria by yourself. Basically, I had to choose between them and me. So, for the remainder of my seventh grade year I did not eat at all. I had to go to the cafeteria by myself. That was a very difficult year, and one of the worst days I have had in my lifetime. However, by eighth grade, most things had blown over, and I was okay. A little more exposed, anyway.

I basically had to choose between them and me. So, for the remainder of my seventh grade year I did not eat much because I did not want to sit in the cafeteria by myself.

That was a very difficult year, and one of the worst days I have had in my lifetime. However, by eighth grade, most things had blown over, and I was okay. A little more exposed, anyway.

In senior year of high school was an exciting and stressful year all at the same time. Our class was always known as a little rebellious and different, so when we picked a hard rock song for our "class song," it then did not surprise us. Most people were also not surprised when the administration said we could not play it at graduation.

They gave us some line about "inappropriate for the occasion" and someone like that. That did not go as well with our class, and we promptly decided to not get even.

As the salutatorian, I was forced to give a speech on the big night. So, the class decided I would play our song for my speech.

That suited me just fine. In fact, I was partially my idea. I thought the administration was wrong for punishing us because our tastes were different than the norm. Plus, it got me out of writing a speech.

Well, the administration thought it over and decided it was best to work with us instead of having us rebel in a way that we could not control us. We got our song, and I had to write a real speech.

I mean that I have this habit in my life of not only running into literal walls, but running into hurdles of confrontation and argument.

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I feel like the hurdle school had a friend that no one else really liked. Granted, she was a little "weird," but also friendly and easy to approach.

At that stage in life, though, you have to earn your way to have a voice in the cafeteria by yourself.
When a fire starts, one does not just remain stationary and watch it burn. He does not just look at the growing flames and wait for the fire-prevention measures to kick in. Instead, he does all he can to stop it and to make sure it has been completely smothered.

The cultural fire threatening traditional values, such as marriage, has been smoldering for some time now. The match was struck years ago, but the flames have finally reached dangerous proportions. The Massachusetts high court ruled that the state will begin allowing homosexuals to marry in May. The mayor of San Francisco has been allowing homosexuals to marry for weeks now, even though it is a clear violation of California law. All over the country, homosexuals are pushing for government recognized unions, and they are slowly getting their way.

The times are dangerous for traditional family and Christian values. Simply put, if special attention and concentrated effort are not given to protecting the values that are the bedrock of society this entire civilization is at risk of going up in flames.

Some people of influence, including most of Arkansas' congressional delegation, say that current laws uphold marriage as a union of a man and a woman. These laws, however, are not as constitutionally concrete as they would like their constituents to believe. They may think that they are trying to let the fire just burn itself out, but they are really fanning the flames.

Amending the Constitution is the only way to uphold the sanctity of marriage...

Students do not have to be politically-minded to be concerned about this issue. This affects more than just those who inhabit the Capitol. This is an issue that will affect everyone. While marriage is at risk right now, other traditional family values could be in danger in the future. A constitutional amendment is not something to take lightly. The document has only been amended 27 times in its history. Hopefully the 28th will come along soon enough to douse the fire.

Other View

The Phoenix suggests that Congress should support President George W. Bush's plan to create a constitutional amendment that defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman. The truth of the matter is that there are many in this city who would bend over backward to make sure we feel at home. Unfortunately, we rarely make an effort to accept these colossal mistakes.

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Bisons' Cone pursues Harding home run crown

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Sports editor

On the next swing of his bat, Bison junior first baseman Justin Cone could find himself in Har­
ding's record book as the career home run leader.

Currently atop the career home run list with 27 total, Cone is tied with Vince Adams, who set the mark during his career from 1974-77.

Cone hit his 27th career home run Feb. 14 in the Bisons' 10-0 victory against Southwest Baptist

University.

The first baseman said the chance of becoming Harding's all-time home run king would give him a sense of accomplishment.

"When I came here I set high goals for myself," Cone said. "One of my goals was to set the home run record."

In his career, Cone has amassed more than 10 home runs in each of his first two seasons as a Bison. He hit 11 his freshman year, 14 as a sophomore and currently has two as a junior. Cone also sports 10 RBIs and leads the team with a .381 batting average.

Cone said he has always had a hard time

"Every time I hit one I just think, 'I got one, I got one well.'" Cone said. "I still get excited about it. You only get the chance at hitting one every now and then. You never know when it's going to happen.

Cone can't recall the farthest home run of his career, but he does remember the first time he hit a ball out of the diamond.

"I was a freshman and I was always in All-Stars," Cone said. "When I hit it, I didn't know what to do. I just thought, 'That really got out of here!'

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"Every ballplayer's dream is to go on and play professional sports be it baseball, football, basketball, whatever sport you play," Cone said.

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Topping Pizzas to cover expenses like uniforms, equipment, insurance, travel, and referees and organizing games, while freshman Dave Boyd added six.

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Bisons want to take win streak to conference tournament

SARA VAN WINKLE
Student reporter

Despite several starting players ending up on the bench because of foul trouble, the Bisons defeated 11th-ranked Christian Brothers University 73-61 at the Rhodes Feb. 19. The Bisons improved their record to 9-5 in conference play, 16-9 overall.

Morgan said because starters Jay Brygdon, Matt Hall and Chad Ware got into foul trouble early in the game, players from the bench had to step up to aid the team.

"We had great production off the bench," Morgan said. "They were a huge key [Monday night]." They – James [Profit], Edward Brogdon and Ibrahim (Radakz [France]) – came in and gave us some good minutes.

The fouls mounted quickly for the Bison starters as the game progressed.

"During the game it seemed like everybody had three or four fouls," Morgan said. "Guys that normally play a lot of minutes got cut out of foul trouble."

Seniors McCrillis, Ware and Brogdon were honored after the game.

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The Bisons are looking to snap a nine-game losing streak against the Reddies.

"I think we're due one, to say the least," McCrillis said. "Henderson is a good team. But, I think we're starting to come together as a team. We're playing a lot better. I think we have a really good shot at winning." McCrillis said.

Morgan said it is important for the Bisons to keep the streak alive into the tournament.

"I think we have some momentum going to the conference tournament," Morgan said. "We wanted to finish up at home and on the road for the last regular season game against Henderson State."

Jeff Morgan, Bison head coach

Junior forward James Profit blocks against a Christian Brothers player in the Bisons 73-61 upset of the 11th-ranked Bisons. After the game, the Bisons hope to continue winning in their last regular season game against Henderson State.

Eight's not enough for Bisons

Baseball team plans to add to win total

ATENAS HERNANDEZ
Student reporter

After starting the season with a disappointing three-game losing streak, the Bisons have strung together eight straight victories to improve the team's record to 9-5.

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